

Inventory Number 113-3550-003

REGISTER OF HISTORIC KANSAS PLACES--COVER SHEET

Name of Property Marquette Washington Street District

Location Washington Street between Second and Third
(street and number)

Marquette, Kansas
(city, town, or vicinity location)

(legal description)

McPherson
(county)

Owner of Property (see list of owners)

(street and number)

(city, town, county)

State Register
National Register status:

date approved for nomination to the State Register National Register by Kansas Historic
Sites Board of Review 8-10-81

date entered in National Register

Description: Located in the center of the town's business district not far north of the
Smoky Hill River, the designated area includes the buildings on both sides of Washington
Street between Second and Third and the United States Post Office on the northeast corner
of Third and Washington.

Except for the Post Office made of concrete block, the commercial buildings are
constructed of brick. Not one of the buildings is more than two stories tall. A simpli-
fication from earlier ornamental fronts made of cast iron and pressed sheet metal to later
brick facades relieved only by limited paneling and detailing is evident in the different
designs and alterations.

Register of Historic Kansas Places


Significance A block of late nineteenth and early twentieth century commercial buildings forms the center of the business district in Marquette, Kansas. Earlier buildings have decorative features derived from the "commercial palace" designs popular during the last half of the nineteenth century. Later buildings evidence the change toward relatively unornamented modern designs. All the buildings were built between 1886 and 1919. During this period a wide range of businesses and services were located in the district.

Swedish-American settlers and their descendants have been a distinctive presence in the town of Marquette and the surrounding area. An awareness of this heritage has apparently contributed to the community's notable cohesion and stability. This is reflected in the continuing use of buildings in the historic district for business and community activities.

Form prepared by Dale Nimz, Historic Preservation Dept. date 8-14-81

This property was approved for listing in the Register of Historic Kansas Places by the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review on 8-10-81

I hereby certify that this property is included in the Register of Historic Kansas Places.


State Historic Preservation Officer

Aug. 17, 1981
Date

Charles and Flora Piper
105 South Walton
Marquette

Marquette Senior Citizens
(Marquette Council on Aging)
102 North Washington
Marquette

Eldon Peterson
418 South Grand
McPherson, Kansas 67460

Bill Gaston
c/o Ellsworth Reporter
Ellsworth, Kansas 67439

Leland Hopp
215 North Jackson
Marquette

Ernest M. Johnson, Jr.
104 East 4th
Marquette

Melvin Hopp
306 West 3rd
Marquette

Stanley Engdahl
206 North Swedonia
Marquette

LaRue Olson
202 North Jackson
Marquette

Mrs. Geraldine Kivett
1650 North Calhoun
Liberal, Kansas 67901

Mrs. John (Maxine) Duesberg
311 Ross
Marquette

Marquette Township
U.S. Post Office
202 North Washington
Marquette, Kansas 67464

Mrs. Ernest (Ione) Johnson
212 North Swedonia
Marquette

Marquette Farmers State Bank
205 North Washington
Marquette

Mrs. Mabel Hulse
114 North Lincoln
Marquette

American Legion
119 North Washington
Marquette